

REMARKS

The patent application is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/007,986 filed with fifteen claims on 13 November 2001. In an Office Action Summary mailed 31 December 2002, the Examiner set forth a restriction requirement to which Applicant responded by provisionally electing claims 1-9, 11-15 directed to Figure 1 for continued prosecution in this application in the first application. This second/divisional application pursues the claims of Figure 2, i.e., claim 10.

Original claim 10 was dependent upon original claim 9, in turn dependent upon original independent claim 1. This preliminary amendment sets forth a new independent claim 16 as incorporating claim 10 into all the amendments made to original claim 1 and any intervening claims during the prosecution of the first application. The Examiner has indicated that independent claim 1 is allowable. New dependent claims 17-21 are analogous to original claims 3, 4, 6 and 12, now allowable claims dependent upon analogous allowable claim 1. Claim 22 follows original claim 14, as amended during the prosecution of the first application.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to review the divisional application and the preliminary amendment submitted herewith. Applicant further requests the Examiner to enter the proposed amendment to the Drawing also submitted with the Preliminary Amendment. Upon review of the amended claims, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to issue a Notice of Allowance.

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